mental employees on work-load basis is not justified. Their duty hours range from 2 to 5 hrs. They are governed by a separate set of rules known as P&T EDAs (C&S) Rules 1964, and thus not treated at par with regular Govt. servants. Their remuneration is calculated on the basis of workload subject to a certain minimum and maximum. They are not generally liable to be transferred from one post to another. They are eligible for absorption in the Departmental cadres of Postman/Group D on the basis of a Departmental Competitive Examination subject to certain conditions. Hence the question of their stagnation in one post does not arise.

(b) and (c) A number of representations of EDAs had been received from time to time individually as well as through staff unions. Some Members of Parliament had also been raising questions in Rajya Sabha as well as in Lok Sabha from different angles and the Govt. had been replying to the same. Some of the Members of Parliament had been writing to the Sanclar Mantry and they had been repeatedly apprised of Govt.'s policy in this regard. As already announced in Rajya Sabha on 25-3-85, the House is aware that a One-Man Enquiry Committee has already been appointed by the Govt. which is considering all the problems of EDAs. The recommendation of the Committee when received will be considered by the Govt.

Saboor Committee report of Extra Departmental Employees of P and T Department

142. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to Unstarred question 1193 given in the Rajya Sabha on 13th May, 1985 and state:

(a) whether the Saboor Committee has submitted its report on Extra Departmental Employees;

(b) if so, what are the details of its interim report and in what manner Government have followed it up ;

(c) if the report has not yet been submitted what are the reasons for the delay and what steps Government have taken to expedite it ; and

(d) what is the number of Extra Departmental Employees of the P&T Department and what is their percentage in urban and rural areas ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) The report could not be submitted because the analysis of replies received to questionnaires circulated by the Committee, which run into several thousand pages has not been completed yet. Moreover, the Committee, which is aligned to the Fourth Central Pay Commission cannot submit its report independently.

(d) The number of Extra Departmental Employees as on 31-3-1985, of the P & T Department is 3,00,851. Most of the E.D. Offices are located in rural areas and their percentage is on the same ratio.

Alleged assault by employees of Delhi Telephone Department

143. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Hindustan Times, dated the 5th October, 1985 wherein it has been

stated that in a most shocking and disgraceful incident, a teen-aged girl and her school going brother were assaulted by employees and security guards of the Delhi Telephone Department; at Khurshid Lal Bhavan;

(b) whether some other Members of Parliament have also made written complaints against the behaviors of some officers of that Department during October, 1985; and

(c) whether any action has since been taken in all the cases and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) In case of case mentioned in (a) above Delhi Telephones made enquiries and submitted rejoinder to the Editor Hindustan Times. The rejoinder was published on 9-10-85 after editing and some alterations. Alleged manhandling has been denied.

Commemorative stamp on Platinum Jubilee of Government Museum Pudukkottai

144. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a request for the issuance of special commemorative stamp on the occasion of platinum jubilee of Government Museum, Pudukkottai;

(b) whether the demand has been considered by the philatellic Committee; and

(c) if so, what is the decision of the Committee and by when the stamp is likely to be issued ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) No such request appears to have been received in the recent past ;

(b) and (c) In view of answer to (a) above, does not arise.

Corporation for distribution of LPG

145. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a separate Corporation for handling the production and distribution of LPG is proposed to be set up ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(c) the steps so far taken and being taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) Government have no proposal at present to set up an LPG Corporation.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Post office at Chhatiyara in District Monghyr

146. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD :
SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal to open village Post Office at Chhatiyara in District Monghyr (Bihar);

(b) whether it is also a fact that the District Superintendent, Moneghyr, has also recommended the